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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: DR, PFOR, HA

SUBJECT: GODR CONTINUING TO REPATRIATE HAITIANS

REF: SD 5262

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT HAITIAN AMBASSADOR FRANCOIS GUILLAUME HAS REQUESTED GODR TO BE MORE CONSIDERATE TO HAITIAN WORKERS NOW BEING REPATRIATED, AT LEAST TO ALLOW THEM TO GET THEIR BELONGINGS BEFORE BEING SENT BACK. GUILLAUME'S STATEMENT CAME AS RESPONSE TO CONTINUING REPORTS THAT DOMINICAN MILITARY, IN ARBITRARILY PICKING UP AND DEPORTING HAITIANS, ARE PHYSICALLY MISTREATING THEM AND ROBBING THEM OF THEIR MEAGER POSSESSIONS.

2. HOWEVER DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION HAS DENIED MISTREATMENT OF HAITIANS, GODR ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT IS CARRYING OUT PROGRAM TO EXPEL HAITIANS WHO ARE ILLEGALLY IN D.R. IN LAST FEW WEEKS OVER 3000 HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED AND MORE ARE BEING HELD BY ARMY AWAITING TRANSPORTATION TO BORDER. ALTHOUGH MILITARY HAVE PICKED UP A FEW HAITIANS LIVING IN CITIES, MAJORITY ARE FROM SUGAR CANE AREAS WHERE THEY HAVE WORKED AS CUTTERS.

3. THE GODR HAS INDICATED THAT IT DOES NOT INTEND FOR THIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST HAITIANS WHO ARE ILLEGALLY IN THE COUNTRY TO INCLUDE POLITICAL EXILES. SPECIFICALLY, THE FOUR EXILE LEADERS CITED REFTEL WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO HAITI.

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4. GODR APPEARS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ESTIMATED 500,000

HAITIANS WHO ARE ILLEGALLY IN THE COUNTRY. AS A RESULT, PRESENT
ROUNDUP PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME AND CAN BE EXPECTED
TO RECEIVE AT LEAST TACIT SUPPORT OF MOST DOMINICANS, MANY OF
WHOM ARE AFRAID OF AN EVENTUAL "HATIANIZATION" OF THE DR IF THE
PRESENT TREND IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS NOT REVERSED.
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